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My
Boyfriend
in
ORANGE

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THE MAN IN ORANGE



CHAPTER 2



I WANNA GET CLOSE TO YOU



CHAPTER 3



I WANNA PROTECT YOU



CHAPTER 4



MY GUIDEPOST





CHAPTER 1 THE MAN IN ORANGE

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Orange





I STILL
REMEMBER...

...THE ORANGE
FIGURE OF MY
FATHER...

...ILLUMINATED BY
THE SUNSET AS
HE HELD MY TINY
YOUNG HAND IN HIS.

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CLANG

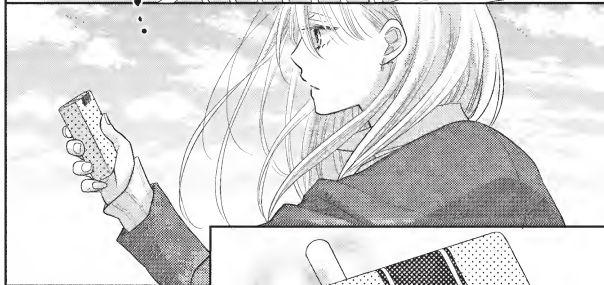
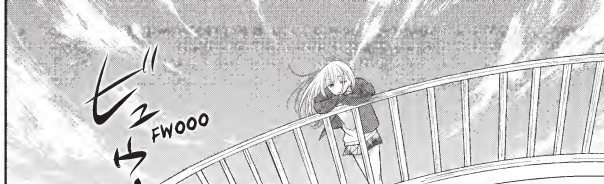
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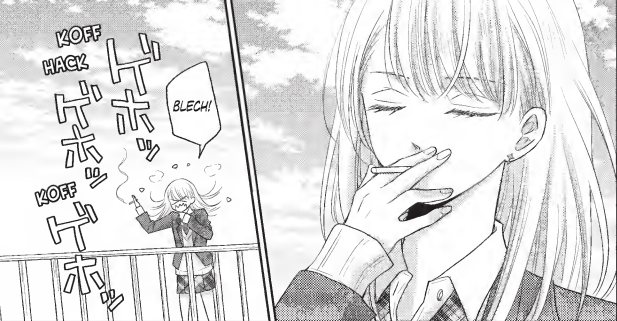
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IT
SMELLS
LIKE OLD
MEMORIES
...







YOU'VE
GOT SOME
NERVE.

YOU'RE REALLY
GONNA **SMOKE**
IN THE MIDDLE
OF A FIRE DRILL?









I JUST WANT TO DISAPPEAR...

IF...





...WOULD
YOU BE
LAUGHING?

IF ONE
OF YOUR
LOVED ONES
WAS LEFT
BEHIND IN
A FIRE...



HUSH...



GET IN
LINE,
THEN.

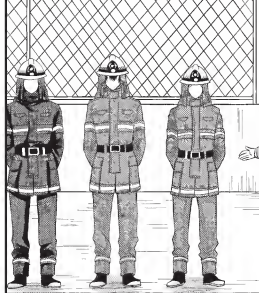


IT'S
OKAY...

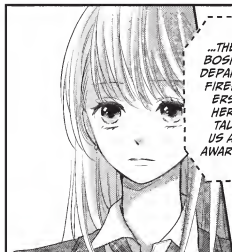
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT,
SASAKI...

IT WAS POOR
SUPERVISION
ON MY PART...

I...
I'M
SORRY.



AHEM...
THIS
CONCLUDES
TODAY'S
SURPRISE
FIRE DRILL.
IT'S FIRE
SAFETY
MONTH...

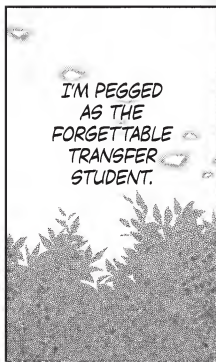


...THE AKA-
BOSHI FIRE
DEPARTMENT
FIREFIGHT-
ERS ARE
HERE TO
TALK TO
US ABOUT
AWARENESS.

...AND GIVEN
THE RECENT
SPATE OF
ARSONS
IN THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD...



MY NAME
IS MOE
SASAKI.

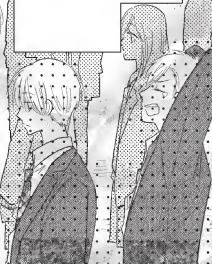


I'M PEGGED
AS THE
FORGETTABLE
TRANSFER
STUDENT.

I STILL
HAVEN'T
BEEN
ABLE TO
MAKE ANY
FRIENDS.

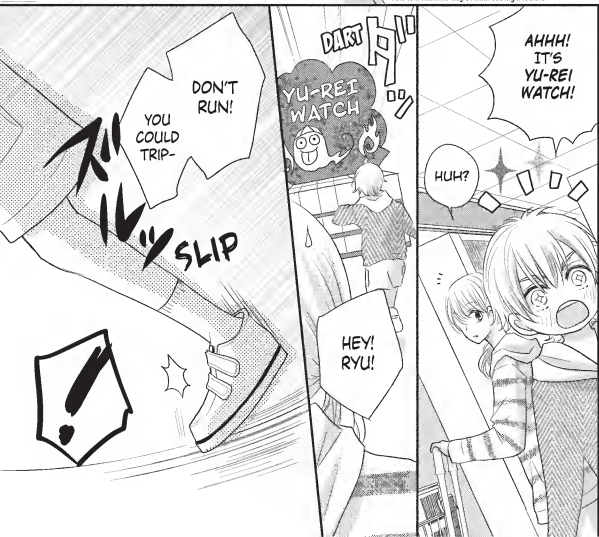


IT'S BEEN
A FEW
WEEKS
SINCE WE
MOVED
TO MOM'S
HOME-
TOWN...
...AFTER
DAD'S
DEATH.





*This is a familiar way of addressing a female.





CATCH

CAREFUL
NOW.

I'M
SORRYYY.



YOU'RE
THAT
GIRL.

...HUH?



IT'S THE
FIREFIGHTER
FROM THE
DRILL...!



OH...

NEE-CHAN,
NEE-CHAN!
I WANT
THIS!



AWWWW...

GOOD GRIEF!
NO, YOU
CAN'T HAVE
THAT.
GO PUT IT
BACK!



BUY IT
FOR ME!

IT'S YU-REI WATCH
CHOCOLATE!!



...DAD...

...WOULD
HAVE
BOUGHT
IT FOR
ME.







...US
FIREFIGHTERS
MUSTER OUR
COURAGE
AND STEP
FORWARD.

THAT'S
WHY...



SURE
THING.

JUST
DO ME
ONE
FAVOR.



I WANNA
SEE THE
FIRE
TRUCKS!

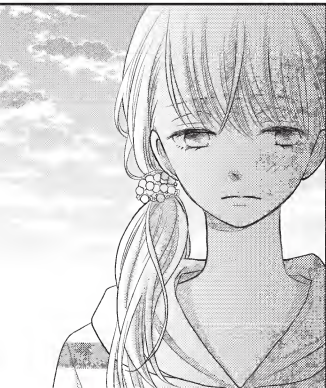
HEY!
CAN I GO
TO THE
FIRE STA-
TION?

DO YOU
WANNA
BE A FIRE-
FIGHTER,
TOO?

THAT'S
SO
COOL!

YEAH!
YEAH!!

HA
HA!





BUT I'M THE
ONE WHO
NEEDS TO BE
THERE FOR
HIM...



HEY...
I AM NOT
LONESOME!

And
I know
that!!

Seems to me
you need to look
after yourself
before you can
look after him.

I DUNNO...
LITTLE MISS
LONESOME.



BUT...

...YOU HAD
"RESCUE ME"
WRITTEN ALL
OVER YOUR
FACE.

...AFTER
YOU'VE
LOST A
LOVED ONE.

IT'S HARD
TO MOVE
FORWARD...

I KNOW
HOW IT
FEELS.

MOVE
FORWARD
ONE STEP
AT A TIME.

WELL, JUST
TAKE IT A DAY
AT A TIME.

...I
THOUGHT
I MIGHT
CRY.

...FOR SOME
REASON...

AT THAT
MOMENT...

BUT
THAT'S NO
EXCUSE...



GOOD.

SOME-
WHERE
IN MY
HEART...

O-O-KAY...
I'M
SORRY...

...TO TRY
SMOKING.
CUT THAT
CRAP OUT.

GLARE

FLINCH

...TO
RESCUE
ME.

...BEEN
WANTING
SOMEONE...

I'D...

HUH?
O-KAY...

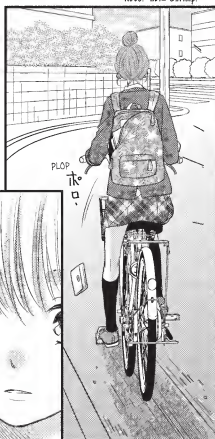
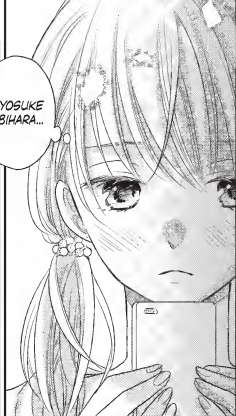
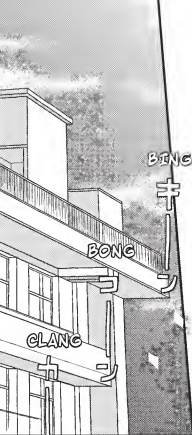
GIMME
YOUR CELL
PHONE.

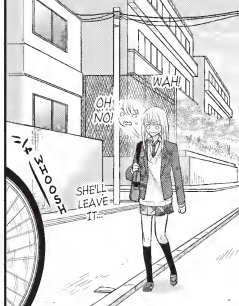
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IS MY
NUMBER.

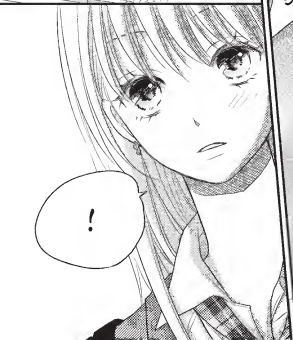
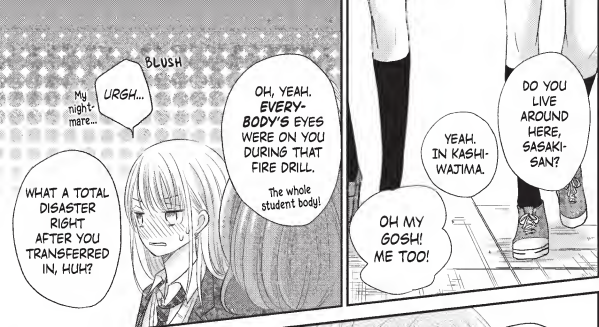
SEE YA.

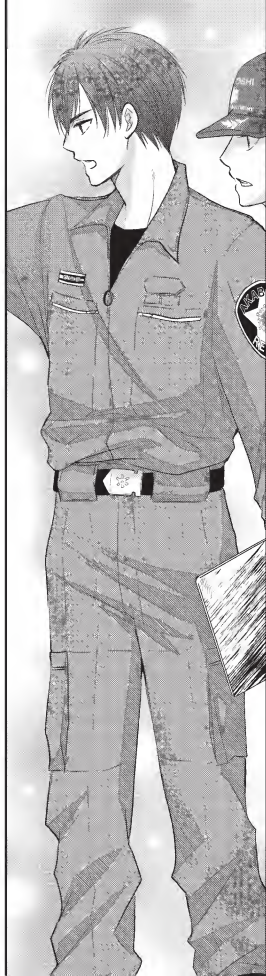
...BEFORE
YOUR BROTHER
COMES TO THE
FIRE STATION,
O-KAY?

CALL
ME...



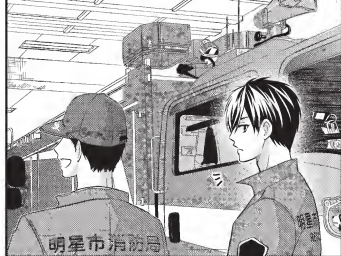




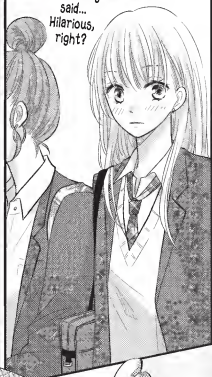


EBIHARA-
SAN...!





...that's
what they
said...
Hilarious,
right?

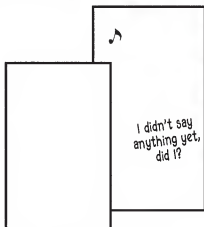
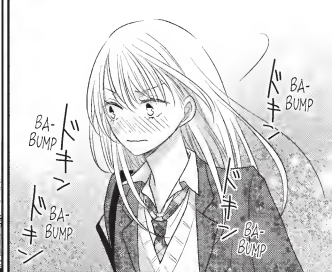


OHO!

SHE'S NOT
ALONE

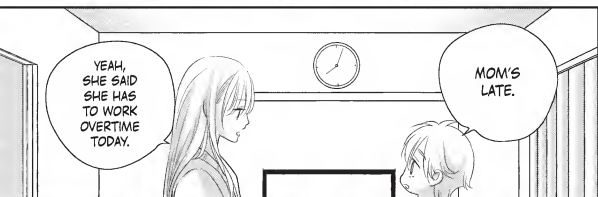


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DUM



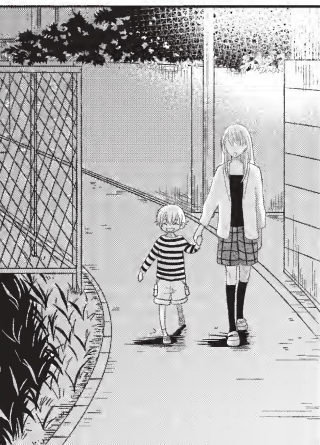


KEEP AN EYE OUT
FOR FIRE HAZARDS!



YEAH,
SHE SAID
SHE HAS
TO WORK
OVERTIME
TODAY.

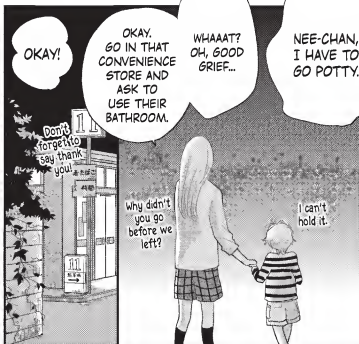
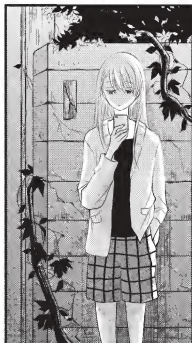
MOM'S
LATE.

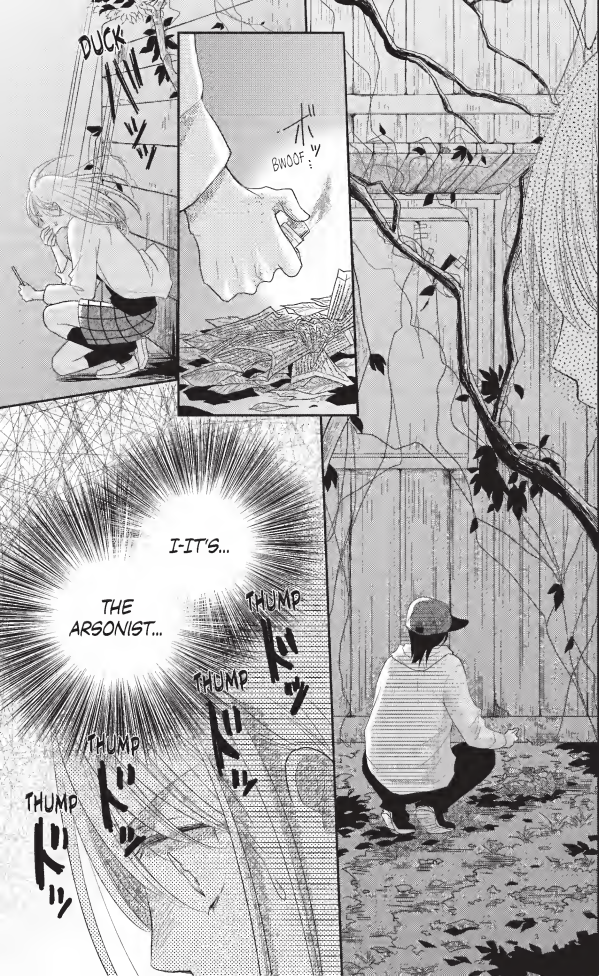


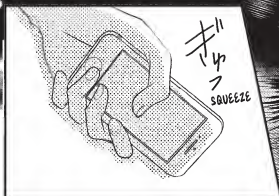
Oh!
I
KNOW...

WANT TO
MEET HER AT
THE STATION
TO SURPRISE
HER?

CAN WE?
YEAH!







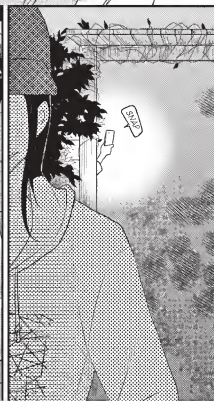
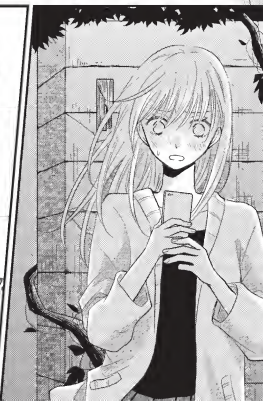
...IT COULD
BE REALLY
BAD!

WE'RE IN A
RESIDENTIAL
AREA. IF A
FIRE STARTS
HERE...



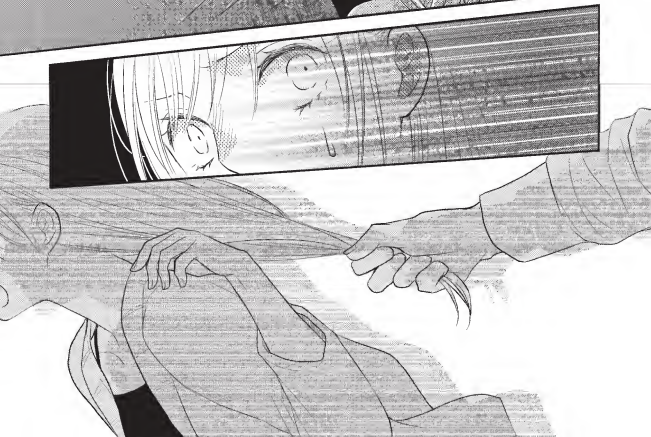
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WHATCHA
DOIN'?





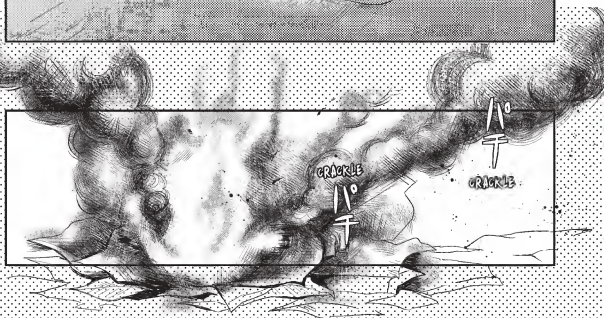
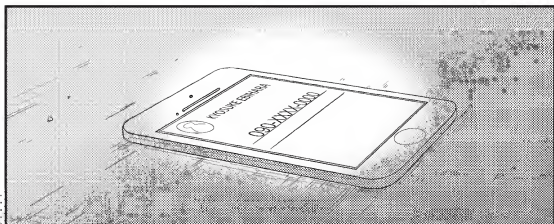
NEE-
CHAAAAN!



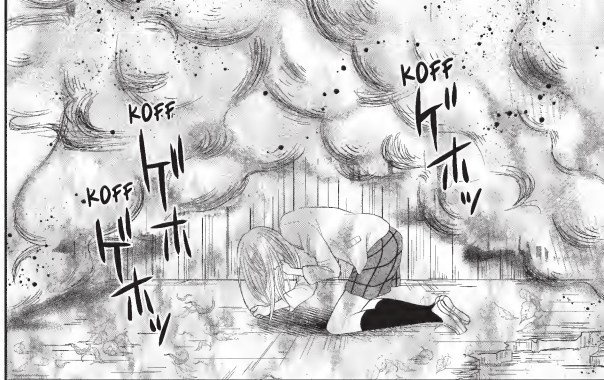
NEE-CHAN?



HUUUUH?







I DON'T
WANT TO
DIE.

IT
HURTS TO
BREATHE...



SAVE
ME...



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CRACKLE

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CRACKLE
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I DON'T
WANT TO
DIE!

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BAM

SAVE ME,
EBIHARA-
SAN...!



YOU
OKAY?!

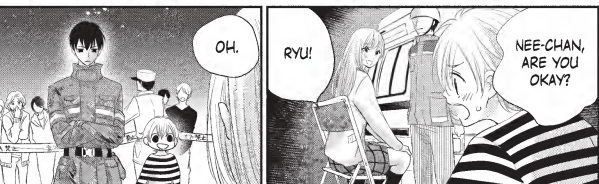
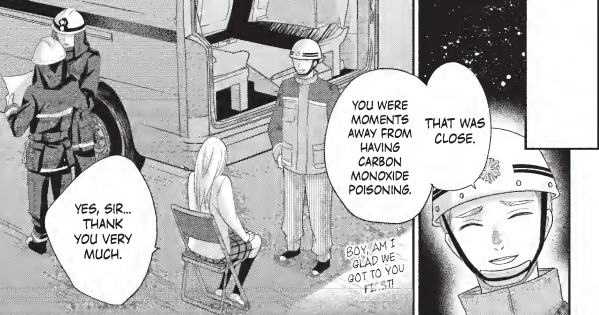


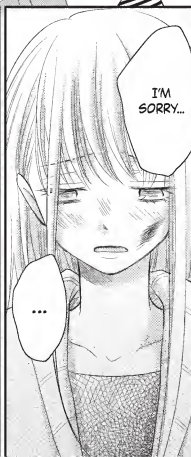
HE LOOKS
LIKE...

...HE'S
GLOWING...

...ORANGE...









...YOU MUST
HAVE BEEN
SCARED.



GOOD JOB
HANGING
IN THERE.

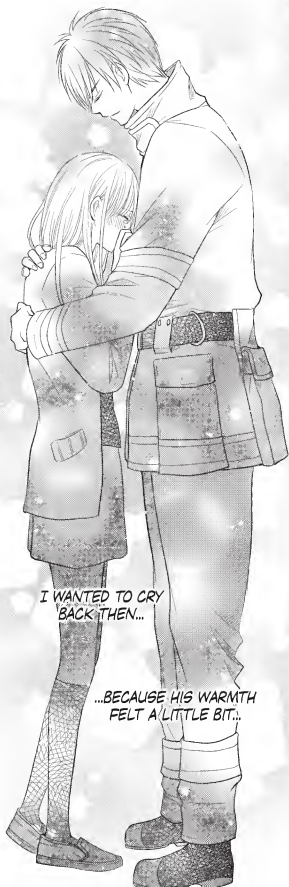


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SNFF...

NGH...



I WANTED TO CRY
BACK THEN...

...BECAUSE HIS WARMTH
FELT A LITTLE BIT..



I...
I...

I WAS SO
SCARED...



I GET
IT NOW.



YOU'RE
SAFE NOW.

...LIKE DAD'S...

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CHATTER

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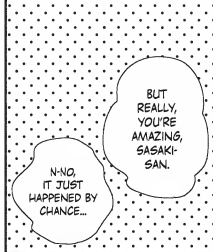
WE HEARD
WHAT
HAPPENED,
SASAKI-SAN!

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CHATTER

...BECAUSE
YOU
SNAPPED A
PIC OF HIM,
RIGHT?

THEY WERE
ABLE TO
ARREST
THAT
ARSONIST...

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7
CHATTER



N-NO,
IT JUST
HAPPENED BY
CHANCE...

BUT
REALLY,
YOU'RE
AMAZING,
SASAKI-
SAN.



WHY DO
YOU LOOK
ALL SMUG,
SAYUMI?

MY GIRL
HERE IS
TOTALLY
BRAVE,
RIGHT?



OH? OH?
WHAT'S
UP?

HEY, UM...
SAYUMI, THERE'S
SOMEPLACE I
WANT YOU TO GO
WITH ME AFTER
SCHOOL.

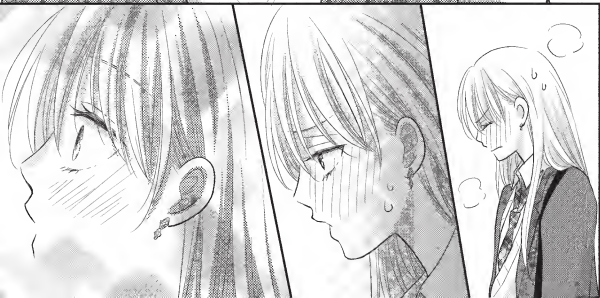


EBIHARA-
SAN!

E...







MY TOWN'S
HERO...

BLUUUSH
P P...

...WAS A SLIGHTLY
SHY FIREMAN...

...IN AN ORANGE
UNIFORM.

...Ebi!

You've
still
got a
long way
to go...

DON'T
SAY THAT!
YOU'LL GIVE
ME BAD
LUCK...!

IT'S A
FIRE-
FIGHTER
ON FIRE!

AH
HA
HA
HA!



CHAPTER 2 I WANNA GET CLOSE TO YOU



I GET
TO SEE...





WHOOAAA!
COOOOL!

早え SO FAST!

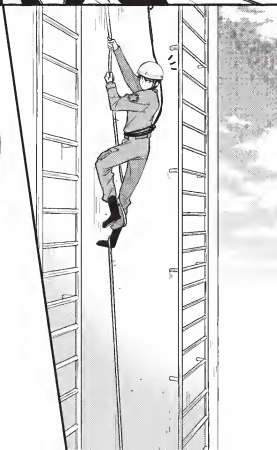
...SO WE'LL
BE READY TO
RESPOND TO
EMERGEN-
CIES AT ANY
TIME.

AS YOU CAN SEE,
FIREFIGHTERS
PRACTICE RESCUE
TECHNIQUES
EVERY DAY...

YOU'RE
SUPER
COOL!

EBIHARA-
NII-
CHAAAAN*!

*A familiar way of addressing a male.

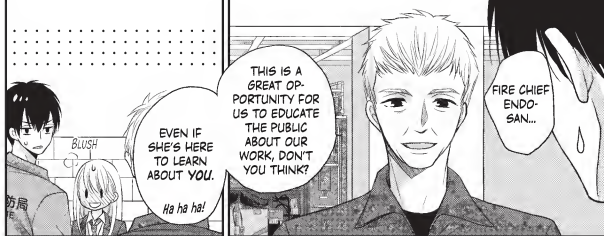


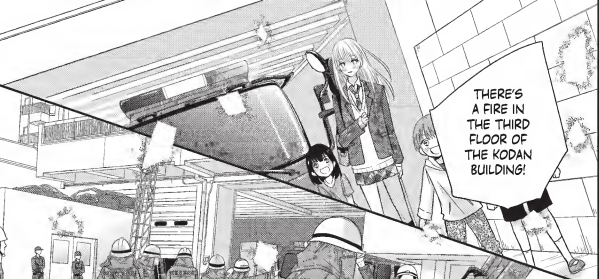


WHAT ARE
YOU DO-
ING, EBI?!
FOCUS!!

Y...
YES,
SIR!!







THERE'S
A FIRE IN
THE THIRD
FLOOR OF
THE KODAN
BUILDING!



I GET TO
SEE HIS
MANY
DIFFERENT
SIDES.



I
CAN'T...



...TEAR
MY EYES
AWAY...

VICTIM
SE-
CURED!



IT'S MADE UP OF OUR STRONGEST AND MOST SKILLED FIREFIGHTERS. IT'S THE DEPARTMENT'S SHINING STAR.

ORANGE IS THE RESCUE TEAM'S COLOR.



COME TO THINK OF IT...

WHY DOES EBIHARA-SAN'S TEAM WEAR ORANGE?



EBIHARA IS ESPECIALLY GOOD.

...AND PASSED THE SELECTION TEST ON THE FIRST TRY.

AFTER HE BECAME A FIREFIGHTER, HE THREW HIMSELF INTO TRAINING AS IF POSSESSED...



OH, I SEE...

HE CAN BE GRUFF, BUT HE'S AN AMAZING GUY.





OKAAAAY!

ALL RIGHT, KIDS!
IT'S TIME FOR
A TOUR OF
THE BUILDING.
EVERYBODY
FOLLOW ME.

ENDO-
SAN!

AWESOME!
OF COURSE
WE WILL!

I DO
HAVE
THINGS
TO DO!

I'M SURE HE
HAS NOTHING
BETTER TO DO,
ANYWAY.
WON'T YOU
HAVE HIM
OVER?

HE'S
OFF-DUTY
TOMOR-
ROW.

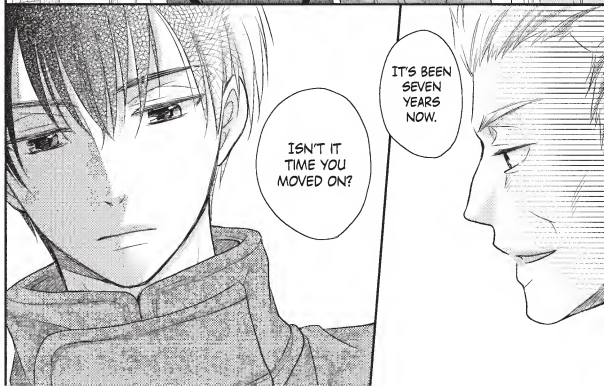


ALL YOU
THINK ABOUT
IS WORK,
EVEN WHEN
YOU'RE OFF-
DUTY.

BESIDES...

WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO?

I'll get you
for this.



ISN'T IT
TIME YOU
MOVED ON?

IT'S BEEN
SEVEN
YEARS
NOW.



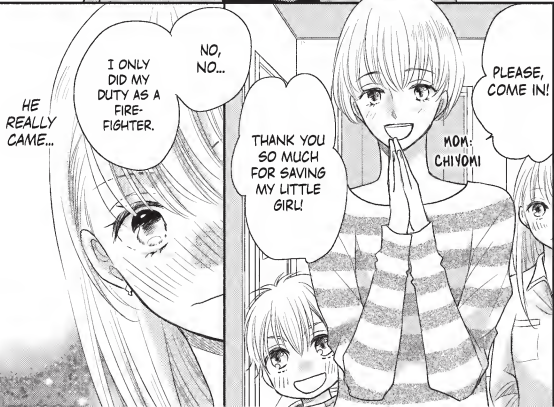
...
MAYBE...

...YOU
HAVE A
POINT...



...FOR
INVITING
ME HERE
FOR DINNER
TODAY...

UH...
THANK
YOU...



HE
REALLY
CAME...

I ONLY
DID MY
DUTY AS A
FIRE-
FIGHTER.

NO,
NO...

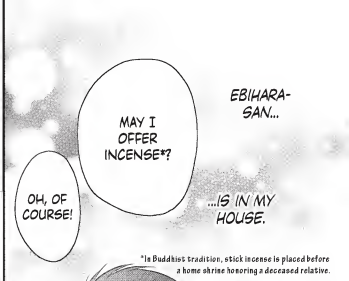
THANK YOU
SO MUCH
FOR SAVING
MY LITTLE
GIRL!

MOM:
CHIYOMI

PLEASE,
COME IN!



IT'S A
WEIRD
FEELING...



EBIHARA-
SAN...

MAY I
OFFER
INCENSE*?

OH, OF
COURSE!

...IS IN MY
HOUSE.

*In Buddhist tradition, stick incense is placed before
a home shrine honoring a deceased relative.



...AND THAT
MAKES ME
HAPPY...



IT'S LIKE
I GET
SPECIAL
ACCESS
TO HIM...



HURRYYY
UUUP,
NII-CHAN!

HANG ON
A SEC, RYU.
MY SHOES
ARE OVER
THERE.



C'MON,
NII-CHAN!
LET'S GO
INTO THE
BACKYARD!

EBIHARA-
SAN! I
BROUGHT
YOU TEA...

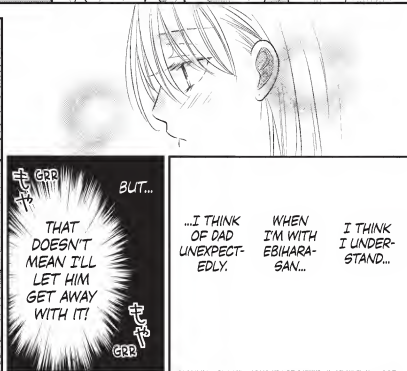
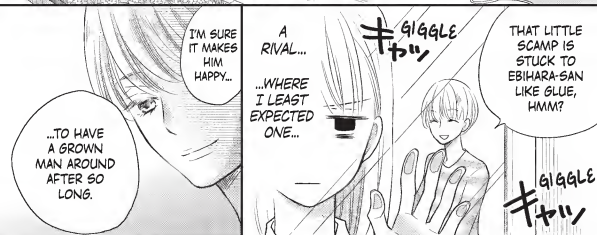
WHOA,
THERE.

LI
YANK



You won't be
putting out
fires with
that posture,
Kiddo!

Hose Team,
turn on the
water! Yes,
sir!!

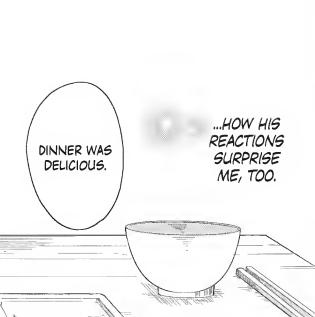


...I THINK
OF DAD
UNEXPECT-
EDLY.

WHEN
I'M WITH
EBIHARA-
SAN...

I THINK
I UNDER-
STAND...

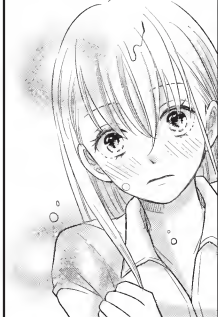




DINNER WAS DELICIOUS.

...HOW HIS REACTIONS SURPRISE ME, TOO.

I LOVE...



I'M ALWAYS EATING CONVENIENCE STORE FOOD ON MY OFF-DUTY DAYS. HAVEN'T HAD REAL HOME COOKING IN A LONG TIME.

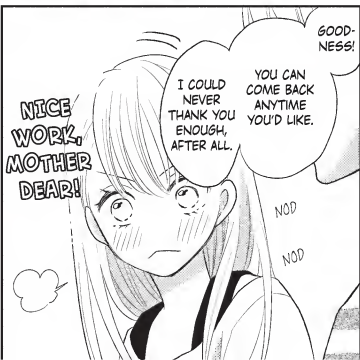
TO BE HONEST, IT WAS A BIG HELP.

I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT.

I SHOULD HAVE WORN A CUTER BRA...



I APPRECIATE THE KIND OFFER.



NICE WORK, MOTHER DEAR!

I COULD NEVER THANK YOU ENOUGH, AFTER ALL.

YOU CAN COME BACK ANYTIME YOU'D LIKE.

GOOD-NESS!

NOD

NOD



REMEMBER TO
KEEP AN
EYE OUT
FOR FIRE
HAZARDS.

IT'S FIRE
SAFETY
MONTH.

HIS
WALL...

...IS SO
THICK...



HEY.

YOU REALLY
DON'T NEED
TO WALK ME.



BUT I
REALLY ONLY
DID WHAT
ANYONE
WOULD DO.

THE
THOUGHT'S
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

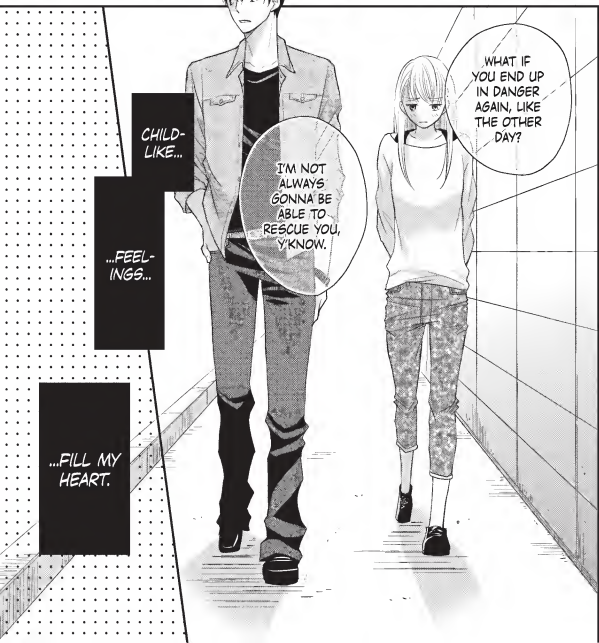


SHEESH.
YOU'RE
MORE
OF A KID
THAN RYU.

YOU
"DON'T
WANNA"?

I DON'T
WANNA.

GO HOME.
GIRLS ARE THE
ONES WHO
SHOULDN'T
WALK ALONE
AFTER DARK.



CHILD-
LIKE...

...FEEL-
INGS...

...FILL MY
HEART.

I'M NOT
ALWAYS
GONNA BE
ABLE TO
RESCUE YOU,
Y'KNOW.

WHAT IF
YOU END UP
IN DANGER
AGAIN, LIKE
THE OTHER
DAY?

AFTER THAT
SCARY EXPERI-
ENCE, YOU'RE
CONFUSED.

...THE
SUSPEN-
SION
BRIDGE
EFFECT.

THEN
IT'S THAT
THING.
YOU
KNOW...

I'M **NOT**
TEASING
YOU.

DON'T SAY
IT LIKE
THAT.



NO.

I'M **NOT**
CONFUSED!

I TOLD YOU
I WANTED
TO GET TO
KNOW YOU,
DIDN'T I?

I'M TELLING
YOU, YOU'RE
MISTAKING
ME FOR
SOME SORT
OF HERO.



HA!

THAT FIRE
WILL GO
OUT SOON
ENOUGH.



WHY ARE
YOU PUSH-
ING ME
AWAY LIKE
THAT?

LOOK...
YOU AND I
ARE NOTHING
MORE THAN A
CIVILIAN AND A
FIREFIGHTER.



IT'S NOT A
MISTAKE.

YOU
SET MY
HEART...

...ON
F-FIRE!

RIGHT
HERE!



...NO
GOOD?

AM
I...



...IT'S NO
USE.



...I SEE.



BUT...

...THAT'S
OKAY.



I'M SORRY
FOR GIVING
YOU UNWANT-
ED ATTENTION.

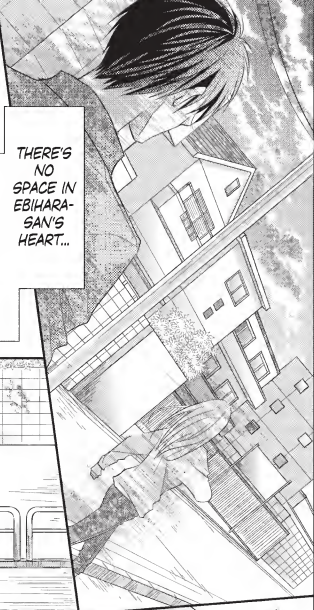
FALLING
FOR YOU...

...HELPED
ME TO
MOVE
FORWARD.

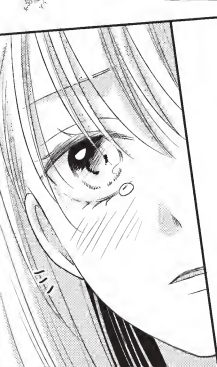




THERE'S
NO
SPACE IN
EBIHARA-
SAN'S
HEART...
...FOR
ME TO
SLIP IN...



BUT MY
FEELINGS
...



...AREN'T
EASY TO
EXTIN-
GUISH.









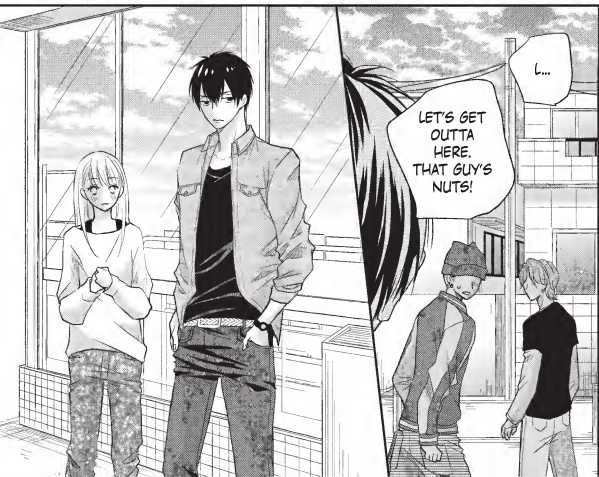
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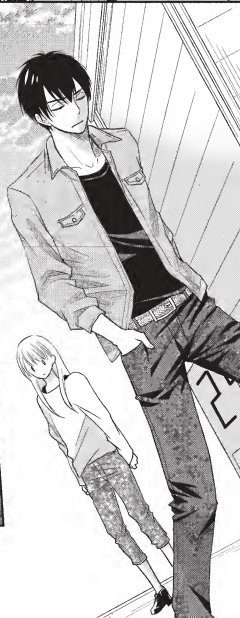
HAAH?

WHO
THE
HECK'RE
YOU?

UNEXTINGUISHED
CIGARETTES ARE
THE LEADING
CAUSE OF FIRES.

WE ASK THAT
YOU CARRY A
POCKET ASH-
TRAY WHEN
YOU SMOKE.









...TO THE
PERSON I
LIKE, THE
PERSON WHO
PROTECTS
THIS TOWN.

I JUST
WANTED TO
GET A LITTLE
BIT CLOSER...



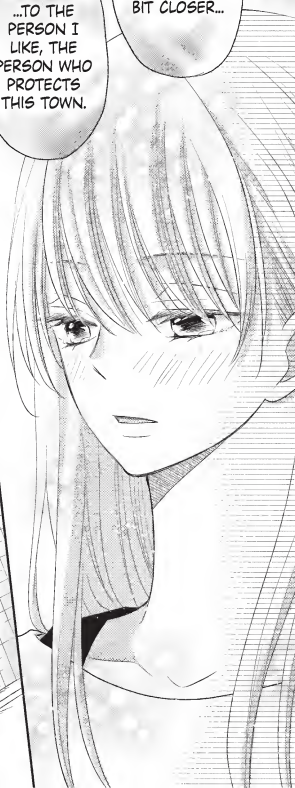
...BUT I
HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE
TO GET
CLOSER
AT ALL.

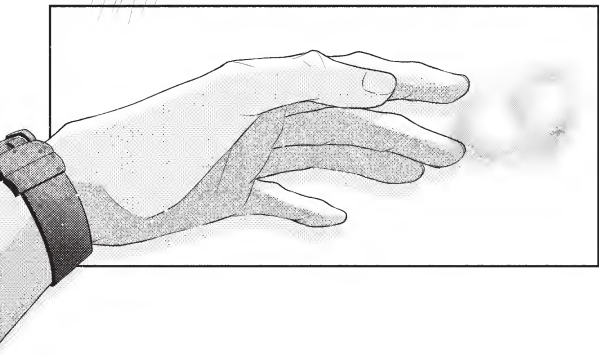
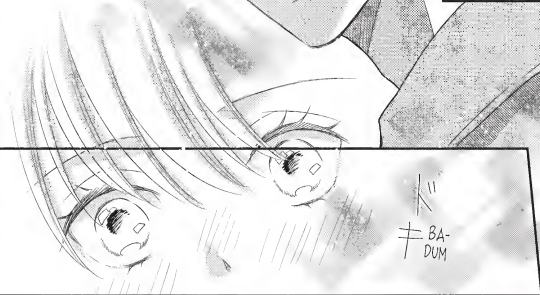
I
WANT
TO...

IN
MULTIPLE
WAYS.

I'M
TOTALLY
HOPE-
LESS...

Ah
ah
ha...











It wasn't
the
sunset...

?!

IDIO...

YOU-

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...?!

IF LOVE...

...HAD A COLOR...

AHEM...
HOW LONG
ARE YOU
GONNA
CLING TO
ME, HUH?

SOMEONE
SAVE ME...

CAN'T SHAKE
HER OFF

GROAN

...SHEESH...

SHE'S LIKE A
FIREBALL...

YA KNOW
WHAT?
I'LL NEVER
RESCUE YOU
AGAIN.

A RESCUE
TEAM MEMBER
ASKING FOR A
RESCUE? HOW
SHAMEFUL!

I
TAKE IT
BACK!



I'M SURE IT WOULD BE...

THOSE
COOKIES YOU
BROUGHT ME...

REALLY?!

THEY
WERE
PRETTY
GOOD.

OH, UH,
YEAH.

YOU MADE
THOSE,
RIGHT?

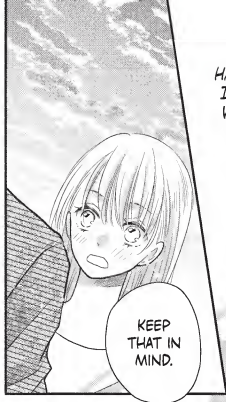
HUH?

I WAS WORRIED
THEY MIGHT
HAVE BEEN TOO
SWEET FOR A
GUY'S TASTES...

and
THANK
YOU
GIFT

THIS
IS...

SEE CHAPTER 1



KEEP
THAT IN
MIND.

IF LOVE
HAD A COLOR,
I'M SURE IT
WOULD BE...

WELL,
I HAVE A
BIG SWEET
TOOTH.

...ORANGE.

C'mon,
I'm gettin'
you home.

Argh.
Okay
already,
I get it!



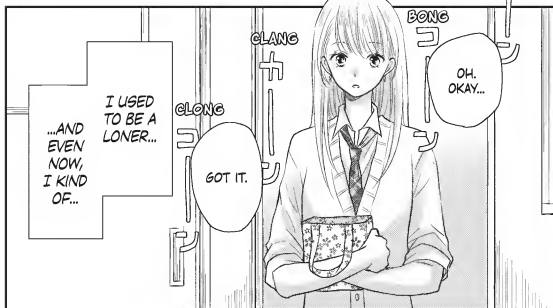
Got it!
Will repeat it to
myself a million
times!! I'll never
forget it for the
rest of my life!!

ORANGE...

...LIKE THE
COLOR OF THIS
SUNSET.

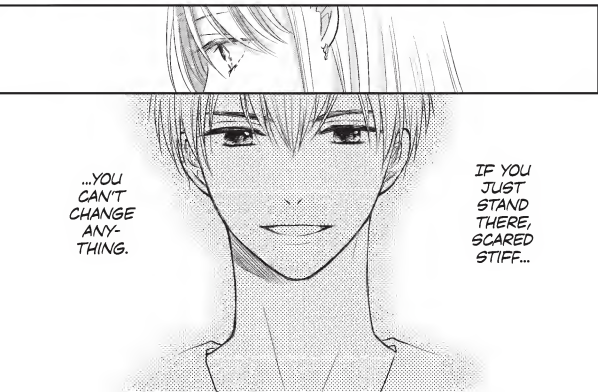
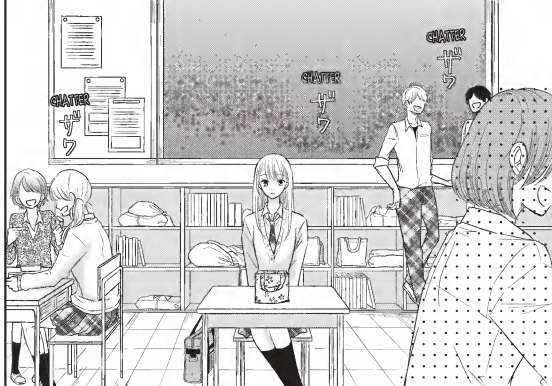
CHAPTER 3 | I WANNA PROTECT YOU

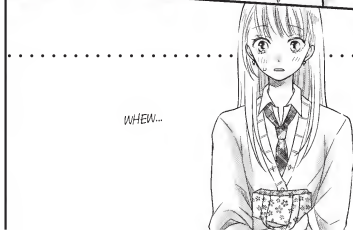
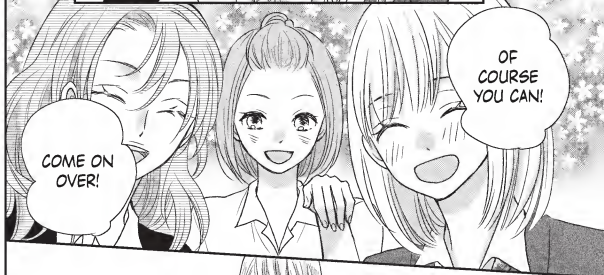
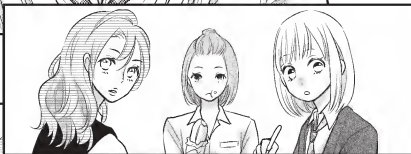




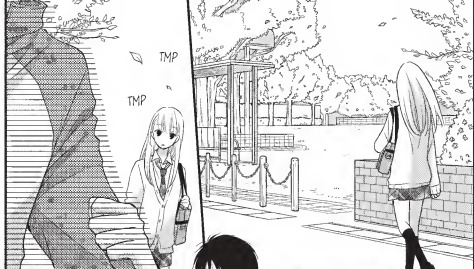
THE AKABOSHI FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE TEAM EMBLEM

The Akaboshi Fire Department has a mascot, too.
I want to put it in this manga sooner or later.









...I
THINK...
I'M
MOVING
FORWARD.



OH!



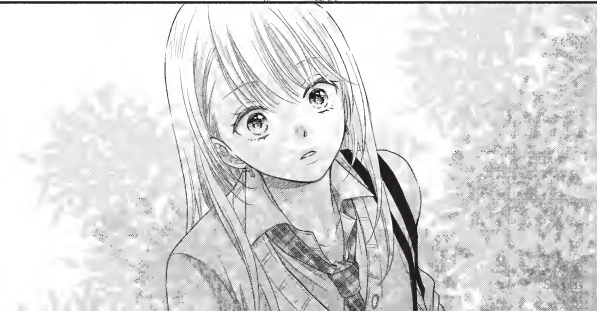
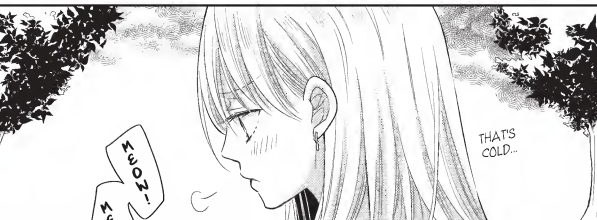
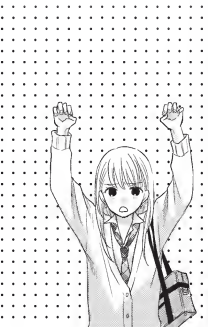
SO HE EVEN
TRAINS ON
HIS DAYS
OFF!

EBIHARA-
SAAAN!

E...

NO
UNIFORM!
IS HE
OFF DUTY
TODAY?







PATTER

パッ









TRY JUST
THE FIRST
STEP.



I'M SO SCARED I'M SHAKING, AND YET...



...I'M NOT NERVOUS AT ALL.



CLANG

EBIHARA-SAN'S WORDS...

...ARE ALWAYS LIKE MAGIC.

GOOD!
HOLD ON.
I'LL COME UP TO YOU!



I'M SORRY.
YOU GOT
SOAKED
BECAUSE
OF ME...

NO BIG
DEAL.

TAKE IT
SLOW. ONE
RUNG AT A
TIME.

HE GIVES ME
COURAGE...

...TO TAKE
THAT FIRST
STEP.



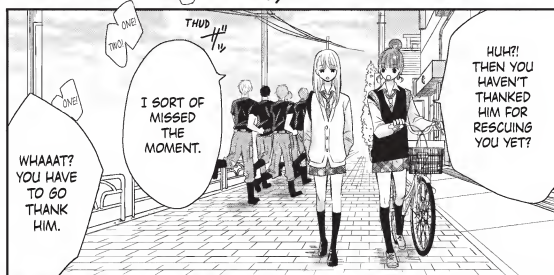
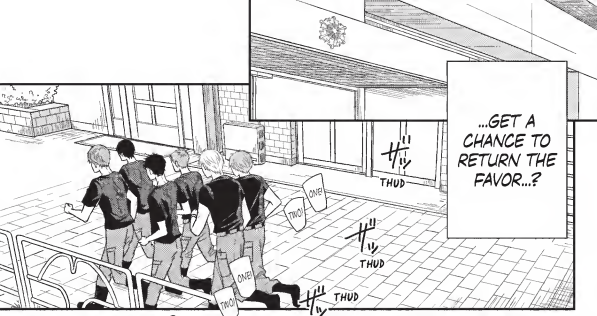
HEH.

I'VE KIND
OF GOTTEN
USED...

...TO
RESCUING
YOU.

KOFF







I GUESS
HE'S OUT OF
COMMISSION
DUE TO A
HIGH FEVER.

OH,
EBI?

Ah.

It's that
high
school
girl.

OH MY
GOD...
IT'S...

WHAT'D HE
GO AND DO
THAT FOR?

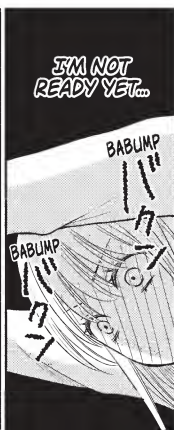
HE SAID HE
WAS FEELING A
COLD COMING
ON, THEN HE
GOT SOAKED
IN THE RAIN.

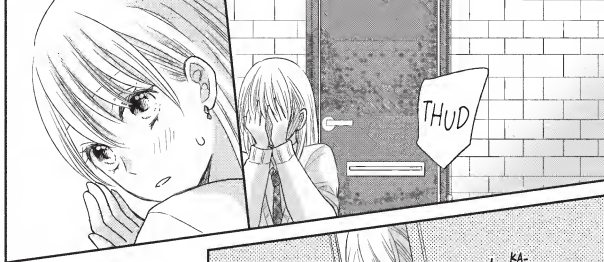
IT'S ODD
FOR HIM TO
GET SICK.

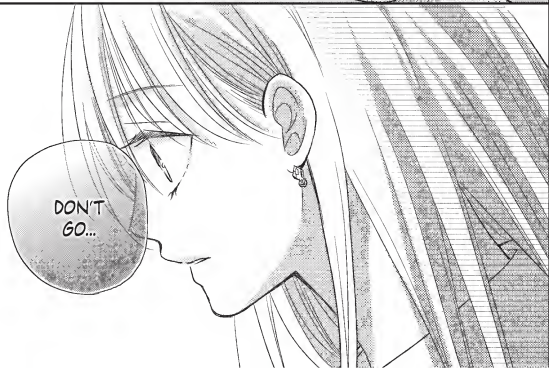
A
FEVER...?!



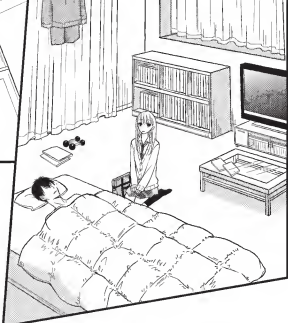












UM.
THIS IS
MY FIRST
TIME...

WE'RE...

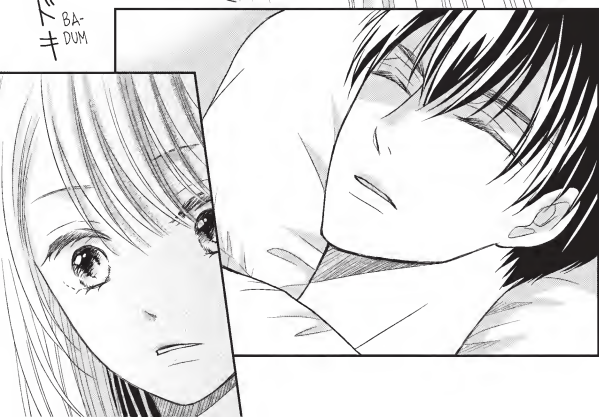
...A-
ALONE...

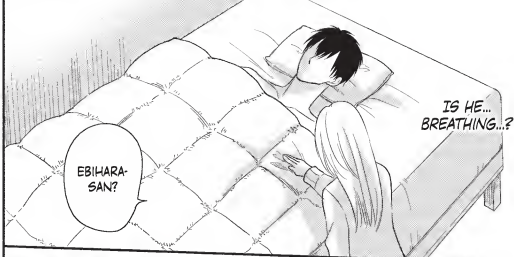
...IN A
MAN'S
BEDROOM.

BA-
DUM

BA-
DUM

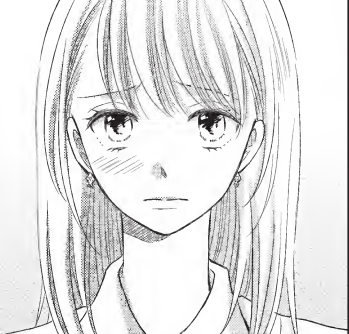
BA-
DUM











WELL,
THERE
ISN'T.

I THOUGHT
MAYBE
THERE'D BE
SOME WAY
I COULD
HELP...



...



OKAY...
I'LL GO.

I FEEL
POWER-
LESS.



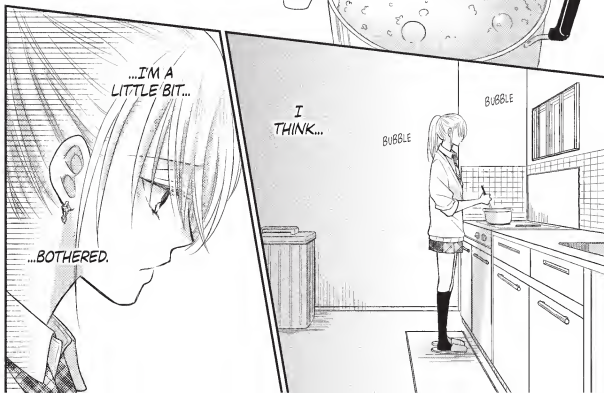
NO.
I WON'T
GO.



SCRATCH
ホリ
...



*In Japan, rice porridge is often served as a meal for the ill.





"I'M
BEGGING
YOU..."

"DON'T
GO..."

EVEN I'M...



...NOT THAT DENSE.

I KNOW THOSE
WORDS...



...WEREN'T MEANT FOR ME.



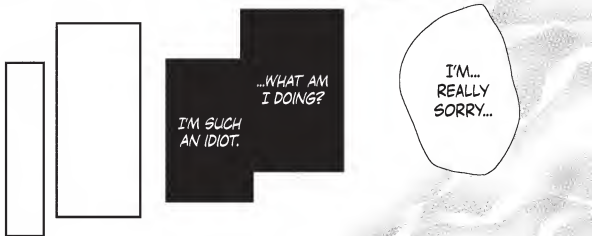
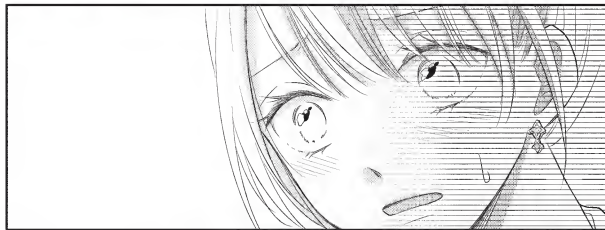
HUH...?

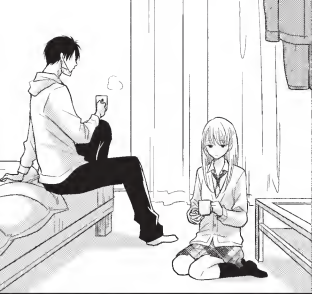
KOFF

HEY...
WHAT'S
THAT
BURNING
SMELL...?

WHO WAS
IT THAT
EBIHARA-
SAN...

...REACHED
OUT FOR?



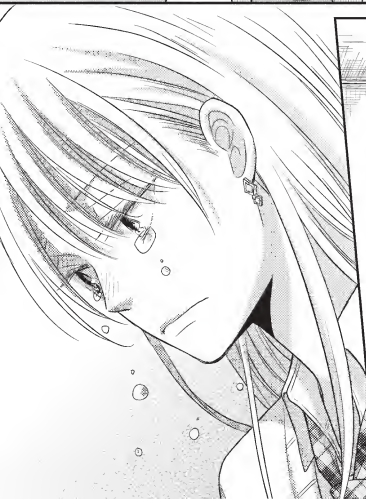


...AND HE'S
MAKING
ME
COFFEE...



HE'S
SICK...

...GO HOME
ONCE YOU
FINISH
THAT.





WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?!

WH...?!

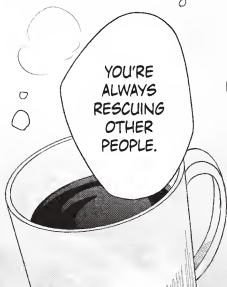


I WANTED
TO
RESCUE
YOU.



WHO'S GOING
TO RESCUE
YOU WHEN
YOU FALL...?

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
RESCUING
OTHER
PEOPLE.



I WANTED
TO RESCUE
YOU, BUT
I...





...MY
FEVER...

...SPIKED
AGAIN.



E...

...BI-
HARA...

...SAN...?

BA-
DUM

BA-
DUM



BA-DUM

THUMP

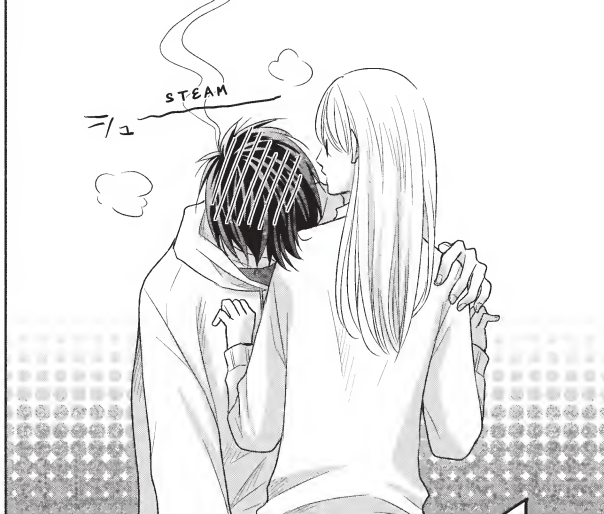
BA-DUM

...OHH!!

BA-DUM

BA-DUM

SQUEEZE



I FELT EBIHARA-SAN'S BODY
HEAT ON MY SHOULDER.

AH!
WAIT,
I CAN'T
SHAKE
HIM!

EBIHARA-
SAN!
EBIHARA-
SAN!!

W
A
A
A
H
!

IT WAS LIKE IT
SOAKED THROUGH...

...ALL THE WAY TO MY HEART.



CHAPTER 4 MY GUIDEPOST

MY BOYFRIEND IN ORANGE

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!!

①

When my previous editor T-san asked me how I felt about doing a firefighter series, I barely even knew the difference between a rescue team and an emergency medical team.



I can't
do it!



It'll be fine.
C'mon,
you can
draw it.

And now? I've turned into an Orange Monster who shows videos and photos of orange-uniformed rescue teams indiscriminately to every person I meet. To all of my targets: I'm sincerely sorry. Thanks to you, I'm having lots of fun drawing.

I'll do my best on the next volume, too.
Please check it out!!



I even did
it to the
editor-in-
chief...

There's still a
little more!

Nee-chaan!



The kanji character for Ryuu's name means "precious stone" or "lapis lazuli."

✿ Special Thanks ! ✿

ALL OF THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO LET ME INTERVIEW THEM; THE DESIGNER;
MY PREVIOUS EDITOR, T-SAN; MY CURRENT EDITORS, Z-SAN AND T-SAN.
NEZUKO-CHAN; ICHIMI-SAN; MATT; MY FAMILY; MY FRIENDS.

AND ALL OF THE READERS WHO PICKED UP THIS BOOK!

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At Akaboshi Fire Department, there's a cooking duty rotation. Of course, Kyosuke cooks, too. Though he's not good at it.

I may or may not have been told that the majority of fire-fighter injuries are actually from cooking duty.





READY TO
JUICE-
ROCK!

PREPARE
TO JUICE-
ROCK!



*A slangy spin on "sempai," the honorific for upperclassmen or those with seniority.

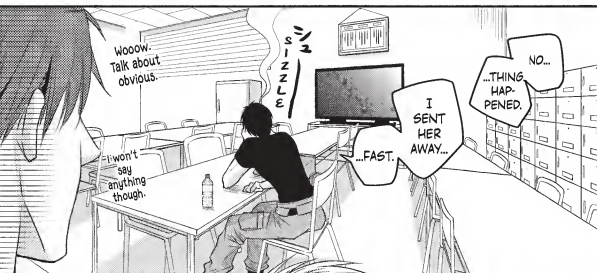






"I WANTED TO
RESCUE YOU."







GOTTA SAY,
THOUGH,
SHE WAS
PRETTY
CUTE.

OH,
REALLY...

NO WAY,
HUH?

NO WAY.
USE YOUR
COMMON
SENSE.

ARE YOU
STUPID?



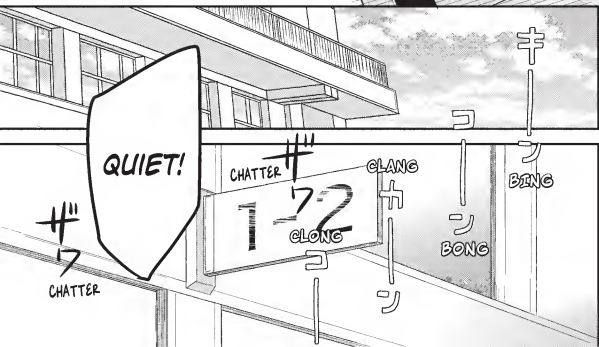
YOU'VE
GOT THAT
RIGHT.

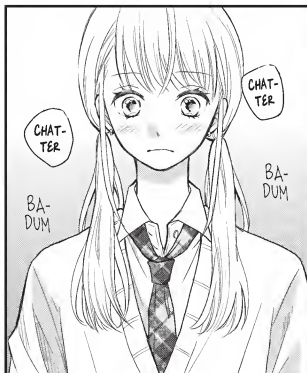
THE BOYS HER
AGE AREN'T
GONNA BE
IGNORING HER.

CLATTER

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タ
ン









BA-
DUM

WHAT
DO I
DO...?

A PLAN-
NER...?
IT'S NOT
REALLY
LIKE ME,
THOUGH...

BA-
DUM



...JUST
DO IT
ALREADY?

CAN'T
SOME-
BODY...

THERE'S
NO
WAY!

YOU
DO IT.

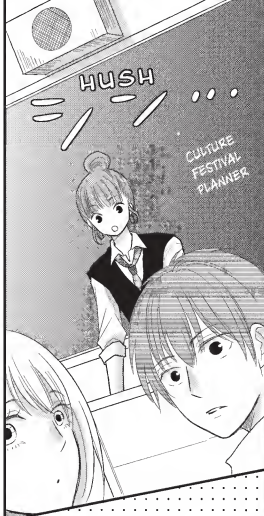


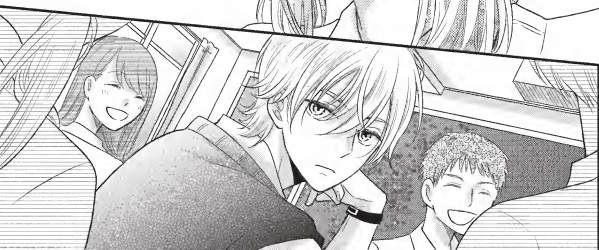
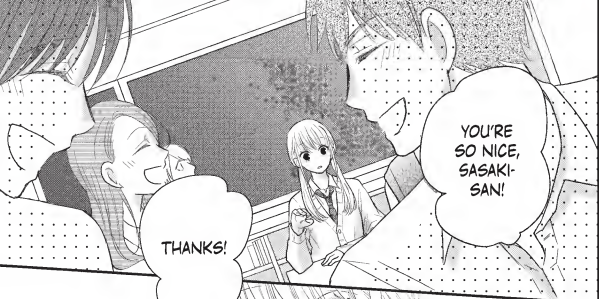
ARGH!

WE CAN'T
GO UNTIL
WE DECIDE
THIS, YOU
PUNKS!

Sensei,
the class
rep has
a nasty
mouth!

BOOO!!







THANK
YOU,
MOEEE!

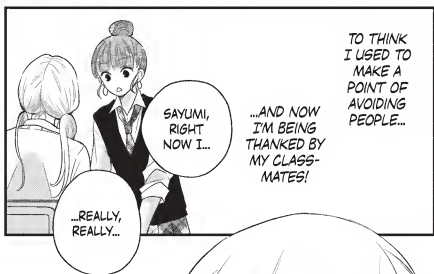
YOU'RE MY
HERO!

HOW WOULD
THE OLD
ME REACT
TO THIS?

BING

BONG

CLANG



SAYUMI,
RIGHT
NOW I...

...AND NOW
I'M BEING
THANKED BY
MY CLASS-
MATES!

TO THINK
I USED TO
MAKE A
POINT OF
AVOIDING
PEOPLE...

...REALLY,
REALLY...

...WANT TO
REPORT THIS
TO EBIHARA-
SAN.







TOURNEY?

THE
RESCUE
SKILLS
TOURNAMENT.

IT'S LIKE
NATIONALS
FOR FIRE-
FIGHTERS.

IT'S
FOR THE
TOURNEY.

WHAT KIND
OF TRAINING
ARE YOU
DOING?

ON YOUR
WAY HOME
FROM
SCHOOL?

H...
HELLO.

YES,
WE ARE!

WE'RE THE
OBSTACLE
COURSE TEAM.

WE ALWAYS
TRAIN FOR
IT AT THIS
TIME OF
THE YEAR.

WE'RE
COMPETING
AS A FIVE-
PERSON
TEAM.

IF YOU WIN
THE PRE-
FECTURAL
COMPETI-
TION, YOU
ADVANCE
FROM RE-
GIONALS TO
NATIONALS.

...YOUNG
RESCUE TEAM
FIREFIGHTERS
COMPETE TO
SHOW THEIR
RESCUE SKILLS.
IT'S THE COUN-
TRY'S BIGGEST
FIREFIGHTER
EVENT.

IN THE
FIRE-
FIGHTER
RESCUE
SKILLS
TOURNAM-
ENT...





DO YOU GUYS
REALLY HAVE
TIME TO BE
GOOFING
AROUND?

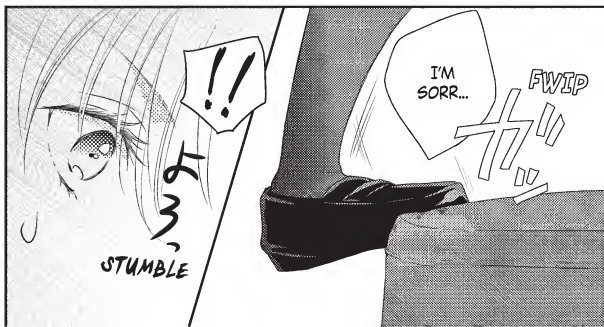
YOU WON'T BE
ABLE TO SAVE
ANYBODY LIKE
THAT.



WE'RE
AIMING FOR
NATIONALS
THIS YEAR,
REMEMBER?

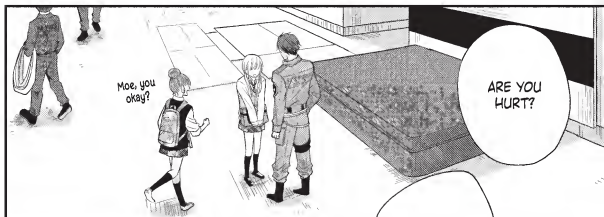
OR HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
HOW MUCH IT
STUNG WHEN
WE DIDN'T
MAKE IT IN
LAST YEAR?

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WATCH
YOUR STEP,
NOW.

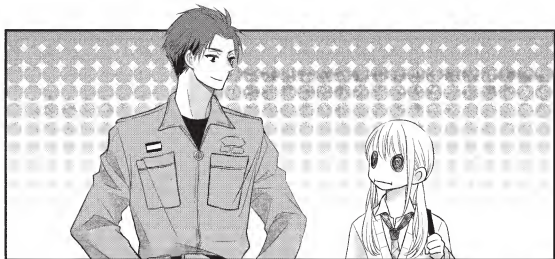




IT'S NOT
LIKE I
WANTED
TO COME
HERE...

...TO GET
IN THE
WAY...

MOE-CHAN,
WHAT IS IT
YOU LIKE
ABOUT
KYOSUKE?





...HELPING
ME TO MOVE
FORWARD
ON MY OWN
TWO FEET.

EBIHARA-
SAN...

...IS LIKE A
GUIDEPOST...



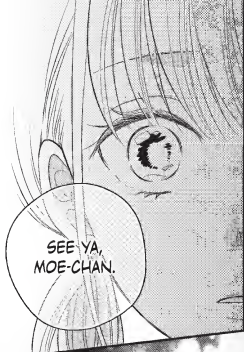
明星市消防
RESCUE

...HE
LIGHTS
UP THE
GROUND
BENEATH
ME.

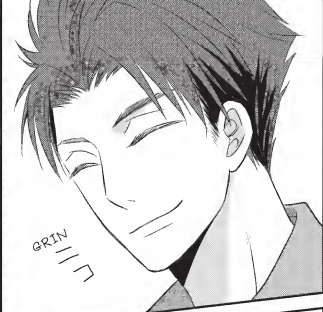
JUST BY
BEING
THERE...

LIKE THE
SUN...

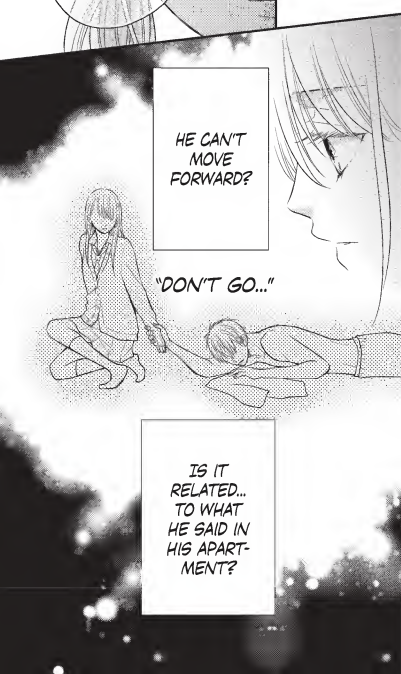




SEE YA,
MOE-CHAN.



GRIN
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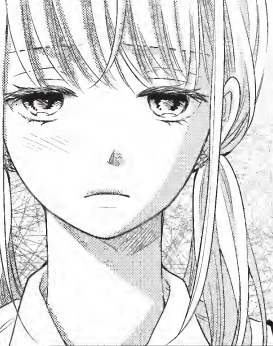
HE CAN'T
MOVE
FORWARD?

"DON'T GO..."

IS IT
RELATED...
TO WHAT
HE SAID IN
HIS APART-
MENT?

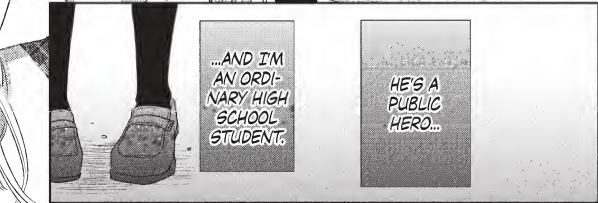






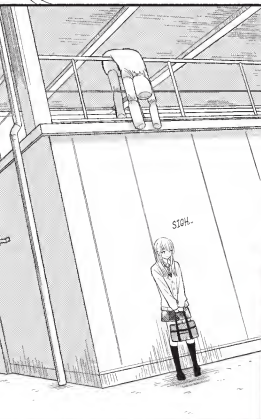
BUT I'M
NOT BRAVE
ENOUGH TO
ASK HIM
ABOUT IT,
EITHER.

I WON'T FIND
ANY ANSWERS
BY DWELLING
ON IT.



...AND I'M
AN ORDI-
NARY HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENT.

HE'S A
PUBLIC
HERO...



SIGH...

YOU
GOT IT!
I'LL GO
GRAB MY
BIKE.

...WANNA
GO,
SAYUMI?



HE'S SO
FAR AWAY...

DEPRESS-
ING...

SLIP

K
W
H
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S
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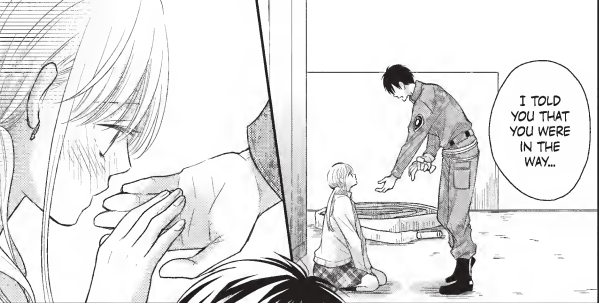
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...











OH
YEAH?

SORRY FOR
NOT ASKING
WHY YOU
WERE HERE.

YOU'RE
DOING
GREAT.



ALSO...

I CAN'T
CONCENTRATE
BECAUSE
OF YOU.

...YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY
TOO
MUCH OF
A DANGER
MAGNET.

BUT...



...SEEING YOU
GET RESCUED
BY SOME
OTHER GUY...

...REALLY
IRRITATED
ME.

WHETHER OR NOT
HE KNOWS IT...

...HE'LL NEVER
LET MY HEART...

...BE CALM.

胡皇市消防局
RESCUE

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2



THE TWO
DRAW CLOSER
AND CLOSER...



PLUS...

EVEN MORE
HOT FIRE-
FIGHTERS?!

WE
WILL...



I'M
BEGGING
YOU...

WILL
KYO-
SUKE'S
PAST
BE
RE-
VEALED?

STAY
WITH
ME...



...BE
WAITING
FOR YOU,
TOO!



My
Boyfriend
in
ORANGE

2

MY BOYFRIEND IN ORANGE VOLUME 1

TRANSLATION NOTES

P15: NEE-CHAN

MEANING "SISTER" OR "LADY," THIS IS A FAMILIAR WAY OF ADDRESSING A FEMALE.



P15: YU-REI WATCH

YU-REI WATCH IS A REFERENCE TO YO-KAI WATCH, A MONSTER-COLLECTING ROLE-PLAYING VIDEO GAME FRANCHISE WITH ANIME AND MANGA SPINOFFS. YUREI MEANS "GHOST"; YOKAI IS A WORD FOR "MONSTER" OR OTHER SUPERNATURAL CREATURES.



P54: NII-CHAN

MEANING "BROTHER" OR "MISTER," THIS IS A FAMILIAR WAY OF ADDRESSING A MALE.



P57: KODAN BUILDING

THE KODAN BUILDING IS A REFERENCE TO KODANSHA, THE PUBLISHER OF MOE KARE WA ORANGE IRO.



P62: INCENSE OFFERING

IN BUDDHIST TRADITION, STICK INCENSE IS LIT AS AN OFFERING TO THE DEAD. IT IS OFTEN PLACED BEFORE A HOME SHRINE HONORING A DECEASED RELATIVE.



P116: RICE PORRIDGE

IN JAPAN, RICE PORRIDGE IS OFTEN SERVED AS A MEAL FOR THE ILL, SORT OF LIKE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP IN THE UNITED STATES.



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